

Objections to the specifications

Acronyms should be spelled out at their first occurrence.

Please amend the Specification to spell out acronyms.

[0035] The project management component, workflow components, and e-mail systems are programs that execute in computers. Project management system programs are provided by Microsoft and other software vendors such as Micro Planning X-PERT. Microsoft Project will be used to illustrate a project management component in a preferred embodiment. Workflow system programs are provided by BEA Systems, Extricity, and other companies. The BEA Web Logic Process Integration, WLPI, system will be used to illustrate a workflow component in a preferred embodiment. The adaptations of the project management and workflow programs are implemented as software programs written in Java, C++, Microsoft Visual Basic, or a number of programming languages. Microsoft, IBM, and many others provide e-mail system programs. Extricity, Netfish, Tibco, and others provide Business-to-business server programs. Microsoft, Netscape, Apache and others provide Web server programs. Oracle, Microsoft, IBM and other companies provide database system programs. These programs execute in computers manufactured by, for example, IBM, Sun, Dell, and Compaq. The computers may be, for example, PC's (Personal Computers), workstations, mainframes, and hand-held computers. The computers may have an operating system such as UNIX, LINUX, Microsoft Windows 2000, and IBM OS/9000. The computer is connected to a network that may be, for example, a LAN, (Local Area Network) WAN, (Wide Area Network) Internet, Intranet, wireless LAN, or wireless Internet.

[0036] In Figure 8, the route steps are executed by people at computers, workstations, hand held computers, personal digital assistants, wireless devices such as PC's, phones, PDA's (Personal Digital Assistants), pagers, etc. that are connected to the Internet **125** or other network.....